

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Appln. No. 09/649,013

REMARKS

The above-identified modification corrects an error submitted in the Amendment of February 27, 2003.

Applicant notes the Examiner's request to submit documentation to show the inter-relationship of the U.S. and JP documents discussed in the record. Supporting documentation will be submitted in due course.

With regard to the rejections of record, Applicant submits that the claims are patentable for the reasons of record. With further regard to claim 2, Applicant submits that claim 2 describes exposure of a resist layer to near-field light. Kanarian does not teach or suggest such a feature.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that claims 2-12 and 19-21 are in condition for allowance. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

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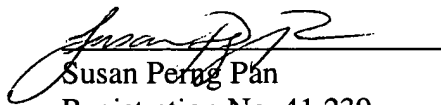
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